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MERGER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN AND THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR WOMEN

Algeria*: revised draft resolution

Merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/111 of 20 December 1993, in which the Assembly emphasized that the ultimate goal of restructuring should be to strengthen the programmes for the advancement of women and to enhance the efficiency of the work of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, in function, structure and cost-effectiveness,

Recalling also that, in resolution 48/111, the Assembly requested, inter alia, the Secretary-General, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in accordance with rule 157 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, to submit to the Economic and Social Council at its substantive session of 1994 a report on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

Having considered the report of the Board of Trustees of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its fourteenth session, 1/

Having also considered the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111, 2/

Having considered the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 3/ pursuant to paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/111, in which inter alia, the Committee recommended that the proposed merger be considered at the Fourth World Conference on Women: Action for Equality, Development and Peace, to be held in 1995,

Taking into consideration that, in paragraph 2 of resolution 48/111, the Assembly urged that the interaction between the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the Division for the Advancement of Women of the Secretariat, the Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women be reviewed and rationalized within the context of ongoing efforts to revitalize the Economic and Social Council in pursuance of a stronger, more unified programme for the advancement of women,

Recognizing that the Commission on the Status of Women is the preparatory body for the Fourth World Conference on Women,

Taking into consideration that the upcoming Fourth World Conference on Women will study and make recommendations on the international institutional arrangements for the advancement of women within the United Nations system,

Emphasizing that the advancement of women should be an integral part of the economic and social development process within the main global issues, such as women's participation in the peace process, in national and international governance, sustainable development and gender equality,

Stressing the urgent need for appropriate leadership and staffing for the Institute, which should be addressed as a matter of priority by the Secretary-General,

Taking into account that the World Conference on Human Rights, in its Declaration and Programme of Action, 4/ reaffirmed the human rights of women as inalienable and an integral and indivisible part of universal human rights, and that the full and equal participation of women in political, civil,

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1/ E/1994/68 and Corr.1.

2/ A/49/217-E/1994/103.

3/ A/49/365-E/1994/119.

4/ Report of the World Conference on Human Rights, Vienna, 14-25 June 1993 (A/CONF.157/24 (Part I)), chap. III.

economic, social and cultural life, at the national, regional and international levels, and the eradication of all forms of discrimination on grounds of sex are priority objectives of the international community,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General pursuant to General Assembly resolution 48/111;

2. Also takes note of the questions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 3/ and its conclusion that further studies were necessary before a definite decision could be made on the question of the proposed merger;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, an updated report which would contain, inter alia, the information requested in Council decision 1993/235 and paragraphs 2 and 3 of General Assembly resolution 48/111, as well as the additional information requested by the Advisory Council;

4. Also requests the Secretary-General to make this report available to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-ninth session;

5. Recommends to the General Assembly that it request the Council to re-examine the issue, at a resumed session to take place after the Fourth World Conference on Women and before the Third Committee of the General Assembly takes up the agenda item on the advancement of women, taking into account the deliberations at the thirty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, the Fourth World Conference on Women and the Advisory Committee concerning institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women;

6. Recommends that the General Assembly take a final decision on the proposed merger of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women and the United Nations Development Fund for Women at its fiftieth session, in view of the recommendations of the Economic and Social Council and the deliberations at the Commission on the Status of Women and the Fourth World Conference on Women concerning the institutional arrangements in the United Nations system for the advancement of women.